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RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
AIR FORCE BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

IN THE MATTER OF:

DOCKET NO: 98-01309

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Applicant requests that he be awarded the Southwest Asia Service Medal (SWASM). Applicant's submission is at Exhibit A.

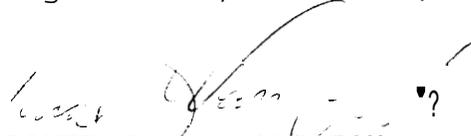
The appropriate Air Force office evaluated applicant's request and provided an advisory opinion to the Board recommending the application be denied (Exhibit C). The advisory opinion was forwarded to counsel and the applicant for review and response (Exhibit D). As of this date, no response has been received by this office.

After careful consideration of applicant's request and the available evidence of record, we find insufficient evidence of error or injustice to warrant corrective action. The facts and opinions stated in the advisory opinion appear to be based on the evidence of record and have not been rebutted by applicant or counsel. Absent persuasive evidence applicant was denied rights to which entitled, appropriate regulations were not followed, or appropriate standards were not applied, we find no basis to disturb the existing record.

Accordingly, applicant's request is denied.

The Board staff is directed to inform applicant of this decision. Applicant should also be informed that this decision is final and will only be reconsidered upon the presentation of new relevant evidence which was not reasonably available at the time the application was filed.

Members of the Board, Mr. David C. Van Gasbeck, Cr. Gerald B. Kauvar, and Ms. Rita J. Maldonado considered this application on 10 September 1998, in accordance with the provisions of Air Force Instruction 36-2603, and the governing statute, 10 U.S.C. 1552.


DAVID C. VAN GASBECK
Panel Chair

Exhibits:

- A. Applicant's DD Form 149
- B. Available Master Personnel Records
- C. Advisory Opinion
- D. SAF/MIBR Ltr Forwarding Advisory Opinion



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS AIR FORCE PERSONNEL CENTER
RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE TEXAS

MEMORANDUM FOR AFBCMR

20 May 1998

FROM: HQ AFPC/DPPPRA
550 C Street West Ste 12
Randolph AFB TX 78150-4714

SUBJECT: Application for Correction of Military Records (DD Form 149)

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1. REQUESTED ACTION. Applicant requests award of the [REDACTED] Service Medal.
2. BASIS FOR REQUEST. Applicant provided a copy of TDY orders and a Data Certification sheet showing she was deployed to participate in Operation DESERT STORM and the inclusive dates she was in the Area of Responsibility (AOR).
3. FACTS.
 - a. Applicant served on Active Duty 25 Jan 98-24 Jan 92, with 26 days of Foreign Service.
 - b. The provided documents show that the applicant was TDY in support of Operation DESERT STORM and was in the AOR from 27 Feb 91 to 25 Mar 91.
 - c. Department of Defense Manual 1348.13, dated 12 Sep 96, states the criteria for award of the S [REDACTED] Service Medal. For those personnel who are in the AOR on a TDY status, the requirement is 30 consecutive or 60 nonconsecutive days.
4. DISCUSSION. Since the applicant only served 26 days in the AOR, she is not eligible for the S [REDACTED] Service Medal.

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5. RECOMMENDATION.

We recommend disapproval of the applicant's request to be awarded the Southwest Asia Service Medal.

FOR THE COMMANDER



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Service Medal and the AFEM for service in Vietnam, and furthermore they shall be entitled to no more than one award of the Vietnam Service Medal.

2. Stars. A bronze service star shall be worn on the suspension and service ribbon of the Vietnam Service Medal for the Service member's participation during the approved campaign periods. Appendix F identifies those campaigns that have been approved.

3. Posthumous Awards. The Vietnam Service Medal may be awarded posthumously.

G. SOUTHWEST ASIA SERVICE MEDAL (SWASM)

1. Eligibility Requirements

a. General

(1) Authorized by E.O. **12754** (reference (x)).

(2) Individuals authorized that award must have served in support of Operation DESERT SHIELD or DESERT STORM in one or more of the following areas from August 2, **1990** through November **30, 1995**: the Persian Gulf, Red Sea, Gulf of **Oman**, Gulf of Aden, that portion of the Arabian Sea that lies north of 100N latitude and west 680 E longitude, **as well as** the total land areas of **Iraq**, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Oman, Bahrain, Qatar, and the United Arab Emirates.

(3) Individuals serving in Israel, Egypt, Turkey, Syria, and Jordan (including the airspace and territorial waters) directly supporting combat operations from January 17, **1991**, through November **30, 1995**, shall also be eligible for award of the medal.

b. Specific. To be eligible, a Service member must be:

(1) Attached to or regularly serving for one or more days with an organization participating in ground and/or shore (military) operations.

(2) Attached to or regularly serving for one or more days aboard a naval vessel directly supporting military operations.

(3) Actually participating **as** a crew member in one or more aerial flights directly supporting military operations in the areas designated in paragraph 6.1.a., above.

(4) Serving on temporary duty for 30 consecutive days or 60 nonconsecutive days. Those time limitations may be waived for people participating in actual combat operations.

2. Awarding

a. The Southwest Asia Service Medal may be awarded posthumously.

b. Each Military Department may grant exceptions to the eligibility criteria outlined in subparagraph H.1.b., below, and shall prescribe appropriate regulations for administrative processing, awarding and wearing of the Southwest Asia Service Medal, ribbon, and appurtenances.

3. Stars. One bronze service star shall be worn on the suspension and service ribbon of the Southwest Asia Service Medal for participation in each campaign period (i.e., an individual who participated in one campaign would wear the medal and/or service ribbon with one star). The first campaign period is designated **as** the "Defense of Saudi Arabia" with corresponding dates of August 2, 1990 through January 16, 1991. The second campaign is designated "Liberation and Defense of Kuwait" from January 17, 1991 to April 11, 1991. The third and final campaign, is designated the "Southwest Asia Cease Fire Campaign," and extends from April 12, 1991, through November 30, 1995. Service members eligible for the SWASM based on participation in Operation PROVIDE COMFORT will wear the medal and service ribbon with star.

H. ARMED FORCES SERVICE MEDAL (AFSM)

1. Eligibility Requirements

a. General. The Armed Forces Service Medal (AFSM) authorized by E.O. 12985 (reference (y)) may be awarded to members of the Armed Forces of the United States who, after June 1, 1992:

(1) Participate, or have participated, **as** members of United States military units, in a United States military operation that is deemed to be a significant activity; and

(2) Encounter no foreign armed opposition or imminent threat of hostile action.

b. Specific. Service members must be members of a unit participating for 1 or more days in the operation within the designated area of eligibility, or meet one or more of the following criteria:

(1) Be engaged in direct support for 30 consecutive days in the area of eligibility (or for the full period when an operation is of less **than** 30 days duration) or for 60 nonconsecutive days provided this support involves entering the area of eligibility.

(2) Participate **as** a regularly assigned crew member of an aircraft flying into, out of, within, or over the area of eligibility in support of the operation.